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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Lisa Hicks-Thomas
Secretary of Administration

THROUGH: Rick Weeks, DEQ Chief Deputy Director *RW*

FROM: From Ellie Irons, EIR Manager *EF*

SUBJECT: Comments on the Environmental Impact Report concerning the Virginia State Law Enforcement Training Facility in Powhatan County (Agency Code: 156, Project Code: 17805, DEQ 10-017S)

The Department of Environmental Quality hereby submits the enclosed comments concerning the project named above for your consideration. The statutory period for the DEQ's review of this project expires on **August 27, 2010**.

We believe that this project is:

- ☐ routine.
- ☒ not routine. From the environmental perspective, state agencies do not object to the proposed project. However, Powhatan County, Goochland County and residents of both counties object to the project as proposed (see pages 2 through 6). Also, this project has been covered by various media outlets.

Virginia Code Sections 10.1-1188 *et seq.* require that any state agency, institution or branch of government proposing to undertake a "major State project" prepare an environmental impact report (EIR). A "major State project" is defined as the construction of a facility costing \$500,000 or more, or the acquisition of land for which construction is contemplated. Based on this report, the Department of Environmental Quality assesses the impact of the proposed project and comments to the Governor within 60 days after receipt of the complete EIR. The Governor's approval of a major State project is required for expenditure of appropriated funds for a project (Section 10.1-1190). This approval authority is delegated to the Secretary of Administration by Executive Order 88(01).